

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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In re U.S. Patent Application of Nichols )  
Application No. 09/868,664 ) Examiner: Coughlan, Peter D  
Filed: September 26, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 2129  
For: A RUNTIME PROGRAM ANALYSIS ) Confirmation No.: 3001  
TOOL FOR A SIMULATION ENGINE )

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed September 12, 2008. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due on or before **December 12, 2008**. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.